GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:165
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National Cultural Festival
Singh Shri Sunil Kumar

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organise cultural festival in different States each year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time since when National Cultural Festival is being organised including the names of States where this festival has been organised during the last ten years;

(c) the name of the States, the artists who have participated in the National Cultural Festival, 2016;

(d) whether the Government provides financial assistance for organising such cultural festivals and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years along with the funds spent in organising National Cultural Festival, 2016?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 165 FOR 28TH NOVEMBER, 2016

(a) Yes, Madam. It has been decided to organize the festival at New Delhi, Varanasi, Jammu, Tawang and Bengaluru during 2016-17.

(b) The first National Cultural Festival i.e. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was organized in November, 2015 and the second one in October, 2016 both in New Delhi.

(c) The artists from all the States/UTs of India through respective Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) participated in the National Cultural Festival, 2016 i.e. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav, 2016.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. An amount of ` 8.00 crore provided by the Government of India, was spent by North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC), Patiala for this festival held in November, 2015 and out of an allocated amount of Rs. 10.00 crore, Rs 7.50 crore has been released to North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Allahabad by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for this festival organized in October, 2016. NZCC, Patiala and NCZCC, Allahabad are autonomous organizations under Ministry of Culture.